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**For:** METHODS OF IDENTIFYING  
COMPOUNDS WHICH MODULATE  
GRANULOCYTE-COLONY STIMULATING  
FACTOR (G-CSF) DEPENDENT PROCESSES  
BY MODULATION OF THE LEVELS OF  
SUPPRESSOR OF CYTOKINE SIGNALING (SOCS)

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**RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §§1.111 AND 1.143**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 21, 2008, setting forth a requirement for restriction, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.111 and 1.143, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the subject matter of Group IV, claims 13-15, drawn to a method for modulation G-CSF-induced cellular responses via a SOCS molecule comprising administering a compound that elevates SOCS-3 level.

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